



# Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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## Small Grains Harvest Just Underway

### Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from four degrees below normal to five degrees above normal for the week ending July 27. Earlier in the week, Idaho received precipitation in all four regions. Major farm activities for the week included irrigating, harvesting winter wheat, other small grains, hay, and controlling insects and weeds.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is estimated at 13% very short, 47% short, 40% adequate, and 0% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

### Field Crop Report

Barley, spring wheat, and oats for grain harvest are underway. Mint harvest continues to progress and peach harvest is underway in southwest Idaho. Many counties in South Central and East Idaho reported hail and wind damage early in the week. Jerome County extension educator reported that corn leaves were shredded and some wheat and barley were stripped of their heads. The Power County extension educator reported that sugarbeets, corn, potatoes, and grain were damaged.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Statewide, the second cutting of alfalfa hay is at 46% harvested. Grasshoppers have been a serious problem in range and pasture land in Northeast Latah County.

**Crop Progress Table**

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Potato 12" High	96	100	99
Potatoes Closing Middles	80	99	94
Dry Peas Harvested	5	25	14
Oats for Grain Harvested	2	16	5
Winter Wheat Turning Color	87	99	93
Spring Wheat Turning Color	31	86	65
Barley Turning Color	51	91	65

**Condition Table**

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	2	9	33	50	6
Barley	2	6	17	71	4
Spring Wheat	1	3	23	68	5
Potato	--	1	16	77	6
Winter Wheat	--	1	16	73	10
Irr. Water Supply	--	4	23	65	8

**Crop Progress District Table**

Crop	North			Southwest			South Central			East			State		
	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg
Winter Wheat Harvested.....	2	16	10	15	20	31	11	40	26	--	15	8	4	19	14
Spring Wheat Headed.....	92	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	96	100	97	96	100	98
Barley Headed.....	93	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	93	100	96	95	100	97
Barley Harvested.....	--	--	1	7	23	23	3	14	8	--	2	1	1	5	3
Alfalfa Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting.....	17	43	25	71	94	89	79	80	84	21	62	38	46	72	61

Avg (2003 – 2007); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

Find agricultural statistics for your county, State, and the Nation at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

# Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, July 27, 2008 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
<b>North</b>											
Coeur D' Alene	91	46	68	-3	0.14	-0.05	6.84	-1.93	1926	1018	-117
Grangeville	94	48	70	4	0.15	-0.06	12.39	0.41	1820	939	118
Lewiston	98	54	75	-1	0.22	0.08	3.12	-2.24	2809	1625	72
Porthill	96	46	69	2	0.00	-0.21	6.62	-0.71	1879	964	31
Winchester	85	39	62	0	0.24	-0.04	9.31	-2.53	1427	638	119
<b>Southwest</b>											
Boise	98	52	74	-2	0.25	0.18	3.47	-1.23	2503	1414	-91
Emmett	100	55	76	3	0.71	0.71	3.70	-0.88	2445	1423	-59
Glenns Ferry	102	53	77	4	0.00	-0.02	3.35	-0.22	2476	1442	-36
Grandview	100	53	75	-1	0.03	0.03	2.62	-0.42	2532	1476	-221
Nampa	91	55	73	-2	0.28	0.24	2.95	-1.01	2552	1472	-89
Parma	96	52	74	2	0.20	0.15	1.83	-2.44	2666	1555	95
<b>South Central</b>											
Fairfield	88	43	64	-4	0.00	-0.14	2.30	-2.85	1403	628	-154
Malta	98	47	73	3	0.16	-0.02	2.58	-2.81	1920	1013	-97
Picabo	95	48	71	4	0.00	-0.07	2.03	-2.77	1808	955	107
Rupert	92	52	72	2	0.27	0.20	1.98	-2.10	1967	1049	-101
Twin Falls	97	54	74	5	0.59	0.54	2.91	-1.24	2124	1166	56
<b>East</b>											
Aberdeen	93	51	70	3	0.05	-0.02	1.59	-2.59	1888	998	27
Ashton	89	44	66	1	0.00	-0.21	5.22	-2.99	1466	684	-41
Fort Hall	95	49	70	-1	0.15	0.01	2.72	-2.71	1862	966	-132
Idaho Falls	97	47	71	2	0.02	-0.09	2.55	-2.43	1899	999	-22
Lava Hot Springs	94	50	71	2	0.14	0.00	5.16	-0.27	1755	913	-185
Montevideo	90	43	67	-2	0.00	-0.14	1.38	-3.37	1673	814	-170
Preston	96	54	75	5	0.11	-0.11	5.03	-1.56	2069	1148	11
Rexburg	93	43	67	2	0.00	-0.14	2.54	-3.62	1564	725	-56

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit [www.awis.com](http://www.awis.com) or call 1-888-798-9955.